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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Yang Xu and § GROUP ART UNIT:1723
Teresa Lechner-Fish §
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SERIAL NO.: 09/538,455 § EXAMINER:
§ A. Chambers
FILED: March 30, 2000 §
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FOR: Improved Stream §
Switching System §

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 7, 2000

Atty. Dkt. No.: 1787-06001
Date: February 7, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In an Office Action dated November 7, 2000, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17.

Applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the claims:

Sub B' 1 (Amended) A stream switching system, comprising:

a stream switching housing having at least one common stream channel portion with
a plurality of input ports and at least one output port;
tubing connected at least one of said output ports,
said tubing at least in part being a pre-heat coil suitable to heat a gas sample
traveling through said coil [and to act as a flow restrictor].

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Please add the following claims:

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